

enemy command and control communications. By targeting enemy navigation, radar and data systems, Compass Call helps save lives on the ground and in the air.

This Saturday, current and past members of the Compass Call mission will be taking part in a reunion in Tucson, Arizona, my home district. Since Operation Just Cause ended the military dictatorship of Manuel Noriega in Panama, Compass Call has been flying in every major conflict over the past 25 years.

Spanning the last eleven years, Compass Call has provided exceptional electronic warfare protection for the United States and allied forces in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. To date, the mission has amassed 37,000 combat hours and there is a high likelihood that at this moment, there is an EC-130H flying overhead providing coverage for our troops.

I am proud that Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson is home to Compass Call. No state is as fiercely loyal to our service members as Arizona.

It is our honor to celebrate with the 55th Electronic Combat Group as they reunite this weekend.

It is no wonder that the group has been awarded the Air Force's 2014 Electronic Combat Annual Award Program Unit of the Year and the Air Force's Association of Old Crows Outstanding Electronic Combat Unit of the Year.

What these men and women do behind the scenes may not get much attention but it is what wins wars.

RECOGNIZING JAMES P. MORAN'S LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to recognize my friend and colleague, JIM MORAN, for a distinguished career in public service spanning four decades. JIM announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election to Congress, where he has spent the last 24 years as a formidable advocate for Northern Virginia and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. For anyone who knows him, JIM's passion for public service is apparent. He wears it on his sleeve like a badge of honor. Throughout his career, he has been a proponent for protecting the environment, a defender of the downtrodden, and a champion for commonsense, responsive government, even if that meant challenging his own party.

I have had the pleasure of knowing JIM since his days serving on the Alexandria City Council, where he was first elected in 1979. He'd already amassed a respectable career in public service by that point, working for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Library of Congress, and the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations. During JIM's tenure on the City Council, Alexandria was experiencing rapid growth along with the rest of Northern Virginia. He was elected Mayor in 1985 and re-elected to a second term.

At the urging of his late friend, Mame Reiley, and others in the community, JIM decided to run for Congress in 1990. He chal-

lenged and defeated 5-term incumbent Republican Stan Parris—I know for some it might be inconceivable that a Republican ever represented the 8th District, but it just demonstrates how much the demographics of the district have shifted. JIM did not waste time making his mark on any number of local, national, and international issues. He quickly became a champion for consumers, working to prohibit state motor vehicle agencies from selling personal information to mail order companies and other organizations, and he worked in bipartisan fashion with our former colleagues Dan Burton and Ed Markey to pass legislation that allowed parents to better monitor and control the television viewing habits of their children.

He was an early, outspoken critic of the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy and has been a consistent advocate for LGBT rights. JIM was one of 67 members to oppose the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. Nearly 20 years later, he can feel a sense of vindication knowing Don't Ask, Don't Tell was repealed in 2011 and 30 states now recognize same-sex marriage, with more likely to join them as the courts continue to question the constitutionality of banning such marriages.

Following one of the worst tragedies to befall our nation on 9/11, JIM was instrumental in the fight to restore air service, which had been temporarily suspended, at National Airport. He also helped lead the charge in questioning the legitimacy of the Bush administration's case in the build up to the war in Iraq, ultimately voting against the use of military force—something we continue to debate to this day as other conflicts in the Middle East have erupted. It was JIM who later introduced legislative language requiring regular reports to Congress on the Strategy for Success, including performance metrics which have since become benchmark standards.

Through it all, JIM never lost sight of his local government roots. Early in his tenure, he helped secure passage of legislation requiring the CBO and other agencies to analyze and report on the fiscal impacts of federal legislation on state and local governments, capturing the unfunded mandates, something to which I wish more of our colleagues in Congress would pay greater attention. He also partnered with our former colleague Tom Davis, the Clinton administration, and former District of Columbia Mayor Tony Williams to advance D.C. Home Rule and reduce Congressional restrictions on the District. During my tenure on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we worked closely with JIM and the rest of our Congressional delegation on the closure of the D.C.-operated Lorton Prison, and the eventual sale of the 3,000-acre former prison property to the County for use as parkland, public facilities, and limited economic development.

JIM's fingerprints also are visible on most major transportation improvements across Northern Virginia in the last two decades. He worked with the regional delegation and leveraged his position on the Appropriations Committee to help secure the major federal commitment to help Virginia and Maryland replace the aging Woodrow Wilson Bridge, the only federally owned bridge in the nation. Later, JIM worked with Fairfax County and the Commonwealth to convince the Pentagon to help build a new road skirting the outer edge of Fort Belvoir after two popular commuter routes through the base were closed following 9/11.

He also was instrumental in securing federal commitments to help the region absorb the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure movements, in which Fort Belvoir saw the largest net increase in military personnel. Richmond Highway provides the primary access point to the base, which has no transit connection, and JIM helped secure funding to widen the already clogged Route 1 to ensure the new workers and visitors to Belvoir could actually get there.

In addition to those road improvements, JIM worked with the regional delegation to secure the long-term capital funding agreement with Metro, in which the federal government has committed to match the contributions from Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. And I was pleased to stand with JIM and our colleague FRANK WOLF, who is also retiring after 34 years in Congress, at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for Metro's new Silver Line. That one project has been more than 50 years in the making and will have a transformative effect on the National Capital Region, and JIM and FRANK were among those who helped us finally push it over the finish line.

From his days working at the Department of Health to his tenure as chairman of the House Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, JIM has labored to make government work better for our constituents and our communities and to ensure we have competent and committed public workforce to advance our shared priorities. It is fitting that we use the occasion of the 8th Congressional District Democratic Committee's annual Kennedy-King Dinner, which honors the legacies of Sen. Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to celebrate the tremendous record of accomplishment of JIM MORAN. Like others in our generation, JIM stepped forward to accept the baton to carry on Bobby Kennedy and Dr. King's mission to promote a civil, just, and prosperous society. Mame Reiley, who we tragically lost earlier this year to breast cancer, was the impetus behind this annual gathering, and we rightfully take a moment to honor her legacy of service as well.

Though she ran her own communications firm, Mame's true calling was as a political strategist. As noted earlier, she counseled JIM on his first run for Congress and went on to serve as his campaign manager and first Chief of Staff. She was elected to the Democratic National Committee from Virginia, chairing the Women's Caucus. She advised former Gov. Doug Wilder in his Presidential exploratory campaign and went on to serve in political advisory roles for Gov. Mark Warner and Gov. Tim Kaine. She also advised JIM's brother, Brian, in his bid for statewide office. There is no question JIM and Mame were a dynamic political duo, and their collective efforts have touched and improved lives throughout the community.

In closing, let me just say that for me personally, JIM MORAN is first and foremost, a dear friend. When I came to Congress as the junior member of the Northern Virginia delegation, JIM was there for me every step of the way. We've become true partners and have collaborated on hundreds of issues facing our region, and I hope to be able to continue calling on his counsel. I wish him and his family all the best as he begins this new chapter of his life, and I congratulate him on a meaningful legacy of service and accomplishment for which any of us in public life could be proud.

RECOGNIZING BUFFALO SPREE
UPON BEING AWARDED AM-
HERST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2014 STEWARDSHIP AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Buffalo Spree, a magazine that showcases Western New York's rich beauty, on being awarded the Amherst Chamber of Commerce 2014 Stewardship Award. Buffalo Spree performs a function that provides measurable value to the community.

The magazine was founded in 1967 by Richard G. Shotell and Johanna Hall Van De Mark as an outlet to celebrate Western New York. Later, under Van De Mark's leadership, the magazine became an outlet for creative writers, along with contributions by local historian Austin Fox and architectural expert John Conlin. Buffalo Spree was bought in 1998 by Larry Levite and David McDuff and published six times a year. Content was also added, including a focus of arts, entertainment, lifestyles, and featured articles on local projects and issues.

The magazine now publishes an issue once a month, along with yearly supplements. They have been nationally recognized by the City and Region Magazine Association and locally by the WNY chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Preservation Buffalo Niagara, and the Burchfield Penney Art Center. Buffalo Spree has enhanced its community involvement by relocating their headquarters and by their integration into the digital realm.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to recognize with pride the accomplishment of Buffalo Spree on their commitment to excellence in the Buffalo Niagara region. The publication showcases Buffalo and provides proof of the depth of the Western New York area.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF AIR
FORCE LT. HANK SCiarONI, MR.
GIOVANNI SILVIERO, MR.
FRANCESCO MONTEVANI AND
MR. SERGIO MONTEVANI.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and courage of my distinguished constituent, Air Force Lieutenant Hank Sciaroni, a recipient of the Bronze Star for bravery during World War II.

In 1944, Lt. Sciaroni had to crash-land his B-24 Liberator bomber on an enemy-held beach in Italy. Were it not for the bravery of three Italian fishermen, he and his three Sergeants, Leonard Meton, Olin Houghton and Al Doerwald, would have been captured. Mr. Giovanni Silviero, Mr. Francesco Montevani and his son, Sergio Montevani, endangered their own lives to save our servicemen who they also housed and fed for nearly two weeks. They put themselves at even greater risk in procuring a small boat which the servicemen used to make their escape.

On November 1, 1944, Lt. Sciaroni and his men successfully escaped from enemy terri-

tory, setting sail for the Ally-controlled port of Cesenatico, where they would finally receive medical attention. Although he has often thought of the three Italian fishermen, Mr. Sciaroni has not seen the men to whom he and his three sergeants owe their lives since.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Lieutenant Hank Sciaroni who represents the great courage of American soldiers during World War II; his men, Sergeants Meton, Houghton and Doerwald; and equally important, the brave Italians who selflessly protected our countrymen from certain capture by enemy forces, Giovanni Silviero, Francesco Montevani and Sergio Montevani. I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for their remarkable service to our great nation.

CONGRATULATING HARRISON D.
MCIVER III FOR RECEIVING THE
CHARLES H. DORSEY AWARD

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Harrison D. McIver III of Memphis, Tennessee for receiving the American Bar Association's (ABA) Charles H. Dorsey Award, which is awarded to attorneys who work in legal aid or legal service corporations representing low-income people. He has been at the helm of legal aid organizations from Mississippi to our nation's capital, working to ensure that all people have access to legal representation regardless of their economic backgrounds.

McIver received his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia before earning his doctor of Jurisprudence from Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey. He began his legal career as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow with North Mississippi Rural Legal Services and later became a managing attorney for the Southwest Mississippi Legal Services and North Mississippi Rural Legal Services. McIver was Executive Director of the Central Mississippi Legal Services in Jackson, Mississippi before becoming Executive Director of the Project Advisory Group in Washington, DC, which is the national organization for legal service programs. He served in this position when Charles H. Dorsey, Jr. sat on the organization's board of directors.

In 1998, Harrison joined the Memphis Area Legal Services Inc. (MALS) as the Executive Director and gave the program new direction and focus as well as expanded the program's outreach potential. He was responsible for creating the program's first vision and mission statements, and strategic and business plans that were focused around a common purpose. McIver also worked to improve access to services by streamlining the program's delivery system. Additionally, Harrison formed partnerships and collaborations with the private bar to maximize resources. Under his leadership, MALS became the first legal aid organization participant in the Program for Nonprofit Excellence, which is a nationally recognized capacity building program that assists in providing high quality legal service. His dedication to client services has been outstanding and his 15-

year leadership at the Memphis Area Legal Services is testament to his work, vision and commitment to providing legal aid services to the Memphis community.

During his 15-year tenure at MALS, Harrison has been involved in legal aid work at the local, state, regional and national levels, including at the Memphis Bar Association; the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association; the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services; the Tennessee Bar Association; the Southeast Project Directors Association; the National Legal Aid & Defender Association; and the American Bar Association. Harrison has received the Ben F. Jones A. A. Latting Award, the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services' B. Riney Green Award, and has been inducted as a Fellow by the Tennessee Bar Foundation, the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Harrison D. McIver has served the Memphis legal community well and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on receiving the American Bar Association's 2014 Charles H. Dorsey Award.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2014 NORTHERN VIRGINIA
LEADERSHIP AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2014 recipients of the Northern Virginia Leadership Awards presented by Leadership Fairfax.

Leadership Fairfax is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to finding, training, and growing leaders in Northern Virginia. The mission of Leadership Fairfax is to educate, prepare, inspire, and connect leaders to serve and strengthen our community. Graduates from its programs become part of a fast-growing network of civic leaders. I've always said, "When you walk into a crowded room, it's easy to spot the graduates of Leadership Fairfax—they just stand out!"

Leadership Fairfax alumni and the general public submitted nominations for the 18th annual Northern Virginia Leadership Award, and a panel of community and business leaders made the final selections. It is my honor to enter the following names of the 2014 Northern Virginia Leadership Awards recipients into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The recipient of the 2014 Regional Leadership Award is Mary Agee, LFI '91, President and CEO of Northern Virginia Family Service, in recognition of her three decades of work to transform the lives of thousands of families in Northern Virginia, her influence on public policy in the region and the Commonwealth, and her service on the boards of directors of a wide variety of human services organizations.

Steve Gladis, PhD, CEO of Steve Gladis Leadership Partners is the recipient of the Trustee Leadership Award in recognition of his long-standing commitment to civic, academic, and philanthropic leadership and for inspiring others through his role as team builder, coach, and mentor. As an author, professor an organizer, Steve has developed and inspired a new generation of philanthropists and has